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RE: FOIA Request for EPA Region 1 Records Concerning TN Permit Limits for Fall River, MA

To Whom This May Concern:

This is a request for public records pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") at 40 C.F.R. Part 2.

Background

In a September 8, 2014 letter from EPA Region I to the City of Fall River, EPA indicated that "the Fall River WWTF is now by a significant margin the largest discharger of nitrogen in the entire Narragansett Bay watershed." This letter indicated that the May-October 2013 total nitrogen (TN) discharge from the Fall River WWTF would, like other facilities in the watershed, need to be reduced in the future to ensure standards compliance.

Request

This request seeks any and all records:

1. From EPA Region 1 to any third party (including MassDEP, the City of Fall River, or any environmental organization), issued after 2010, discussing the need for TN reduction or TN permit limits for the City of Fall River.

2. Any analyses prepared by EPA Region I indicating the degree of TN reduction that would be required of Fall River, MA.

Please contact the undersigned if the associated search and duplication costs are anticipated to exceed \$250.00. Please duplicate the records that are responsive to this request and send it to the undersigned at the above address. If the requested record is withheld based upon any asserted privilege, please identify the basis for the non-disclosure.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please do not hesitate to contact this office so as to ensure that only the necessary document is duplicated.

Respectfully,

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